

Memo to file

December 30, 2003

From: Peter E. Kurtze
Administrator, Evaluation and Registration

Re: M: 23-136
William and Lillian Whipp Property #2

The property documented in the following MIHP form has not been formally evaluated for eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The comments in the text are those of the preparer of the documentation. The State Historic Preservation Officer has neither concurred nor disagreed with those comments.

CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: M:23-136 (PACS 9.6) Construction Date: Circa 1945

Name: William and Lillian Whipp Property #2

Location: 17123 Old Baltimore Road, Olney vicinity, Montgomery County

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Yes:restricted

Description:

The William and Lillian Whipp Property #2 is a 2-story, 3-bay residence with Tudor Revival-style influences on the south side of Old Baltimore Road in the Olney vicinity, Montgomery County. Constructed circa 1945, the building is rectangular in plan with a projecting entrance vestibule on the front entrance and a screened porch on the rear elevation. The structure has a side-gable roof covered with asphalt shingles. It is of wood-frame construction with a brick veneer exterior. An exterior brick chimney is located on the east gable end. The windows are wood double-hung and casement. The projecting entrance vestibule on the first story of the north or front, facade has a convex tin roof and 6-panel wood door. The door is accessed by a concrete stoop with metal railings. The second bay on the facade is a three-part casement window consisting of a central pair of casement windows with diamond-shaped multiple lights. The central window is flanked by single casement windows with diamond-shaped lights. The third bay on the first story is a picture window flanked by 2/2 double-hung windows, divided horizontally. The third bays of the first and second stories are located within a side-gable section which is slightly recessed and lower than the main roof. The second story of this section is sheathed in wood clapboards.

Significance:

The lot upon which William and Lillian Whipp constructed their house was once part of a larger tract of land which extended along both sides of Georgia Avenue and was used for agricultural purposes. Ward and Cora Savage bought 28.3 hectares (69.89 acres) of land from William E. Dill in 1921. Ward and Cora Savage began subdividing the land into small residential lots along Georgia Avenue and Old Baltimore Road in the late 1920s. William and Lillian Whipp bought a .5 hectare (1.224 acre) lot from Ward and Cora Savage known as lot #8 of the Savage's unrecorded subdivision in 1942. A covenant on the deed restricted the value of a house constructed on the lot to cost no less than \$4000.00. Prior to the construction of this house, the Whipp's had purchased lot #6 from Ward and Cora Savage in 1942, and constructed a small Colonial Revival-style house located at 17115 Old Baltimore Road (M:23-143). According to local resident Therese Borden, the Whipp's constructed the second house at 17123 Old Baltimore Road after their first house became too small.

Maryland Historical Trust
Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form
Montgomery-Prince George's Short-term Congestion Relief

DOE ___yes ___no

1. Name: (indicate preferred name)

historic William and Lillian Whipp Property #2 (preferred)

and/or common Vernon Property

2. Location:

street & number 17123 Old Baltimore Road

N/A not for publication

city, town Olney

X vicinity of

congressional district

state

Maryland

county

Montgomery

3. Classification:**Category** districtX building(s) structure site object**Ownership** publicX private both**Public Acquisition** in process being consideredX not applicable**Status**X occupied unoccupied work in progress**Accessible**X yes: restricted yes: unrestricted no**Present Use** agriculture commercial education entertainment government industrial military transportation museum parkX private residence religious scientific other:**4. Owner of Property:** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Steven R. and D. M. Vernon

street & number 17123 Old Baltimore Road

telephone no.:

city, town Olney

state and zip code MD 20832

5. Location of Legal Description

Land Records Office of Montgomery County

liber 12575

street & number Montgomery County Judicial Center

folio 141

city, town Rockville

state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date

 federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Resource Count: 4

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The William and Lillian Whipp Property #2 is a 2-story, 3-bay residence with Tudor Revival-style influences on the south side of Old Baltimore Road in the Olney vicinity, Montgomery County. Constructed circa 1945, the building is rectangular in plan with a projecting entrance vestibule on the front entrance and a screened porch on the rear elevation. The structure has a side-gable roof covered with asphalt shingles. It is of wood-frame construction with a brick veneer exterior. An exterior brick chimney is located on the east gable end. The windows are wood double-hung and casement.

The projecting entrance vestibule on the first story of the north or front, facade has a convex tin roof and 6-panel wood door. The door is accessed by a concrete stoop with metal railings. The second bay on the facade is a three-part casement window consisting of a central pair of casement windows with diamond-shaped multiple lights. The central window is flanked by single casement windows with diamond-shaped lights. The third bay on the first story is a picture window flanked by 2/2 double-hung windows, divided horizontally. The third bays of the first and second stories are located within a side-gable section which is slightly recessed and lower than the main roof. The second story of this section is sheathed in wood clapboards.

The basement level of the east elevation has two vinyl sliding windows. The first and second stories of the elevation each have wood 6/6 double-hung windows. The attic level has two single-light casement windows.

The rear elevation has a small shed roof addition at the entrance to the basement level. The addition has an asphalt shingle roof, wood siding, an 8/8 double-hung window and a wood-panel door. The first story has two 6/6 double-hung windows and a paired window opening which has been partially enclosed by plywood and a single-light fixed sash window. The second story has two 6/6 double-hung windows and a pair of 6/6 double-hung windows. The rear porch has a half-wall of wood siding, screening and an aluminum storm door. A metal awning extends across the south elevation of the porch.

The second story of the west elevation slightly cantilevers over the first story. The first story has a wood 2/2 double-hung window, divided horizontally, while the second story has two 6/6 double-hung windows.

There are three outbuildings associated with this property. The first outbuilding is a garage, with a flat-roof. Constructed circa 1945, it is of wood-frame construction with brick veneer. The north elevation has a wood overhead door, the west elevation has a 6-light casement window and the east elevation has a 6-panel wood door. The structure is located southwest of the house.

The second outbuilding is a workshop, with a front-gable roof covered with asphalt shingles. Constructed circa 1945, it is of wood-frame construction with wood siding. The north elevation has a sliding wood door below a pent roof, while the south, east and west elevations each have two vinyl sliding windows. The structure is located south of the garage and southwest of the house.

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The third outbuilding is a wood-frame shed, constructed circa 1995. The building has an asphalt shingle side-gable roof which extends beyond the walls of the shed creating a small porch on the west elevation and an open lean-to storage area on the east elevation. The structure has textured grooved plywood walls and double wood doors on the west elevation. The north and south elevations each have two 4-light awning windows.

The property is located on the south side of Old Baltimore Road with residential property to the north, east and west and farmland to the south. A modern residential development is located to the north of the William and Lillian Whipp Property #2, single-family residences constructed between circa 1925 to 1945 are located to the east and west, and a farmstead is located to the south.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archaeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)	

Specific dates Circa 1945

Builder/Architect Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or
Applicable Exceptions: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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Lillian Whipp worked as the administrative aide to the head of the Women's Bureau of Prisons in the 1930's, and was later employed at the U.S. Department of Defense (Washington Journal, 25 August 1989). William Whipp's career began as a trainer to the boxer Jack Dempsey in 1919, before his championship match with Jess Willard. During the 1920s and 1930s Whipp worked as a sports columnist for the Hearst newspapers and the Washington Star. During the 1950s, William Whipp hosted one of the area's first television fitness shows, as well as hosting radio health programs. After 51 years as physical director of the University Club, Whipp retired at the age of 81. At the age of 100, William Whipp died in 1992 (Washington Journal, 4 March 1992).

William and Lillian Whipp sold the property at 17123 Old Baltimore Road to Phoebe O'Neal Faris in 1950. Phoebe O'Neal Faris married Thomas Harrison in 1958 and retained the property until 1988. The property transferred twice before purchased by the current owners, Steven and Denise Vernon in 1994. The property retains the original size of .5 hectares (1.224 acres).

The William and Lillian Whipp Property #2 is located in the vicinity of Olney. The settlement of Olney began before 1800 as a cross-roads village at the intersection of Brookeville/Washington Pike Road (now Georgia Avenue - MD 97) and Sandy Spring/Mechanicsville Road (now Olney-Sandy Spring Road - MD 108). The initial name for the area was Fair Hill, however it soon became known as Mechanicsville, for the large number of craftsman and artisans who settled at the cross-roads. Olney became the official name of the community in 1851. Olney's importance throughout the nineteenth century derived from its ability to provide goods and services to travelers and the

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surrounding agricultural region. In 1865, Martenet and Bond's Map of Montgomery County, Maryland shows several businesses, a seminary, schoolhouse and Episcopal Church. Most of the structures were destroyed by fire or demolished for road construction during the twentieth century. Two structures which remain of the historic village of Olney are the St. John's Episcopal Church (1842) and the Olney House (1841) (Maryland Historical Trust Worksheet-Nomination Form: Olney Historic District).

The house on the William and Lillian Whipp Property #2 is a 2-story residence with Tudor Revival-style influences. The Tudor Revival style was a common domestic building type in the early twentieth century. The earliest examples of the style were constructed in the late nineteenth century, however the peak of popularity for the Tudor Revival style began in the 1920s and 1930s. The advancement of masonry veneering techniques in the twentieth century allowed for exacting replications of the English prototypes, while lowering the cost of construction. As a result, the Tudor Revival style had a major influence on vernacular building styles and was rivaled in popularity only by the Colonial Revival style. Suburban dwellings throughout the early twentieth century featured Tudor characteristics such as varied wall materials, especially stone and stucco, dominant or multiple front-gables, a prominent chimney, false half-timbering, Tudor arches and casement wood or metal windows (McAlester 1984:358).

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National Register Evaluation:

Constructed circa 1945, the William and Lillian Whipp Property #2 is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state, or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. The house is not eligible under Criterion C, as it is a ubiquitous building type which lacks architectural significance. The property is common of mid-twentieth century suburban residences that integrated simplified elements of popular styles into basic building configurations. The house does not represent a significant trend of mid-twentieth century design. For example, it was not constructed as part of a planned neighborhood or development. As an isolated residence, the building should possess character-defining elements of the building style. The house on the William and Lillian Whipp Property #2 is not a significant example of the Tudor Revival style. The house lacks features present on other mid-twentieth century houses inspired by the Tudor Revival style of similar age and size, such as dominant chimney and cross or steeply-pitched gables. Finally, preliminary studies conducted for this project indicate the need for further assessment of the archaeological potential of this property. Therefore, no evaluation under Criterion D is being conducted at this time.

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Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility Not Recommended _____
 Comments _____

Reviewer, OPS: _____ Date: _____
 Reviewer, NR Program: _____ Date: _____

9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No. M:23-136(PACS 9.6)

See Attached

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Sandy Spring, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

state code county code

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state Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposed only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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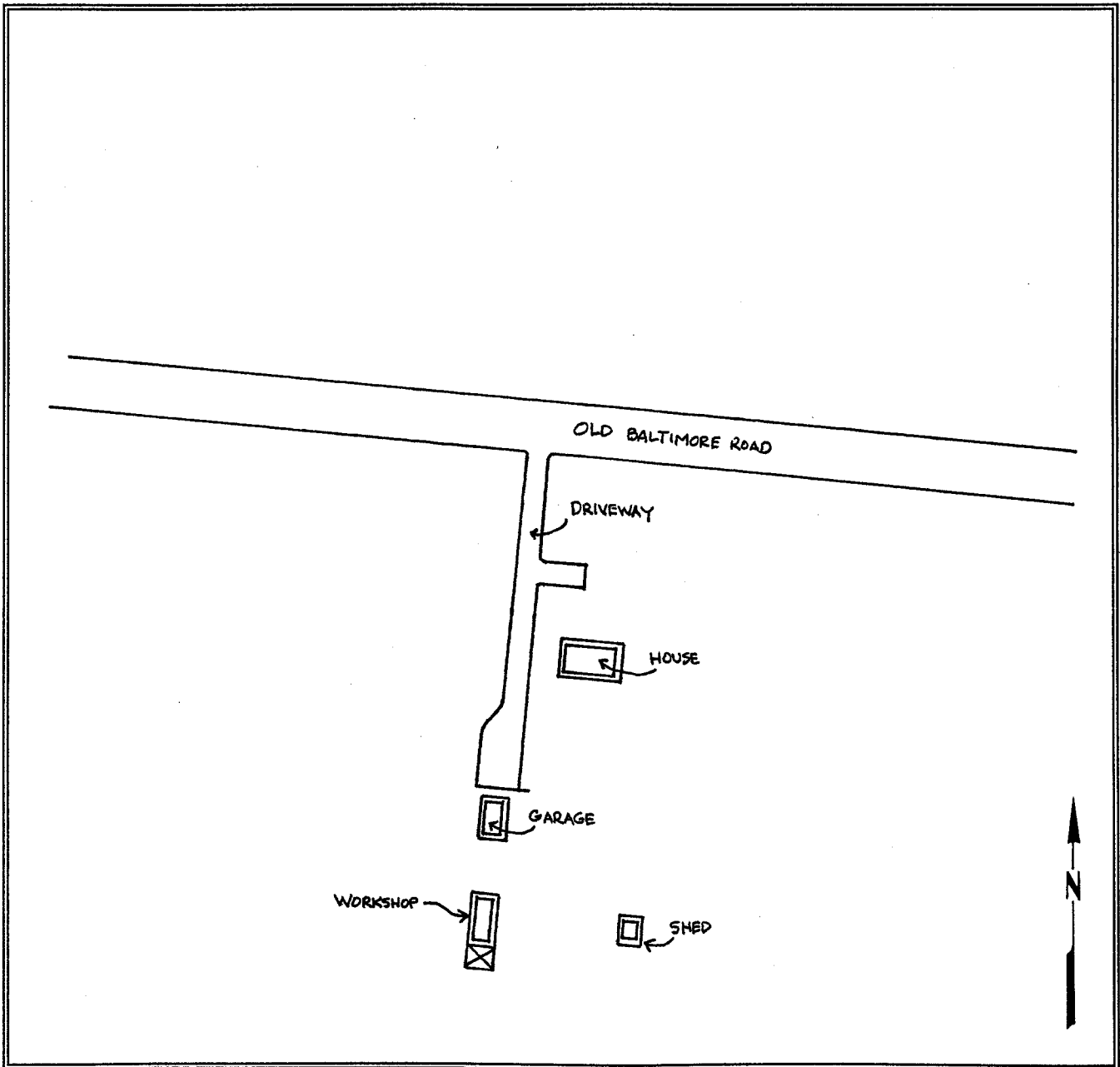
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Resource Sketch Map:



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Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data Sheet

Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s):

Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form):

Buildings

Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural):

Suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

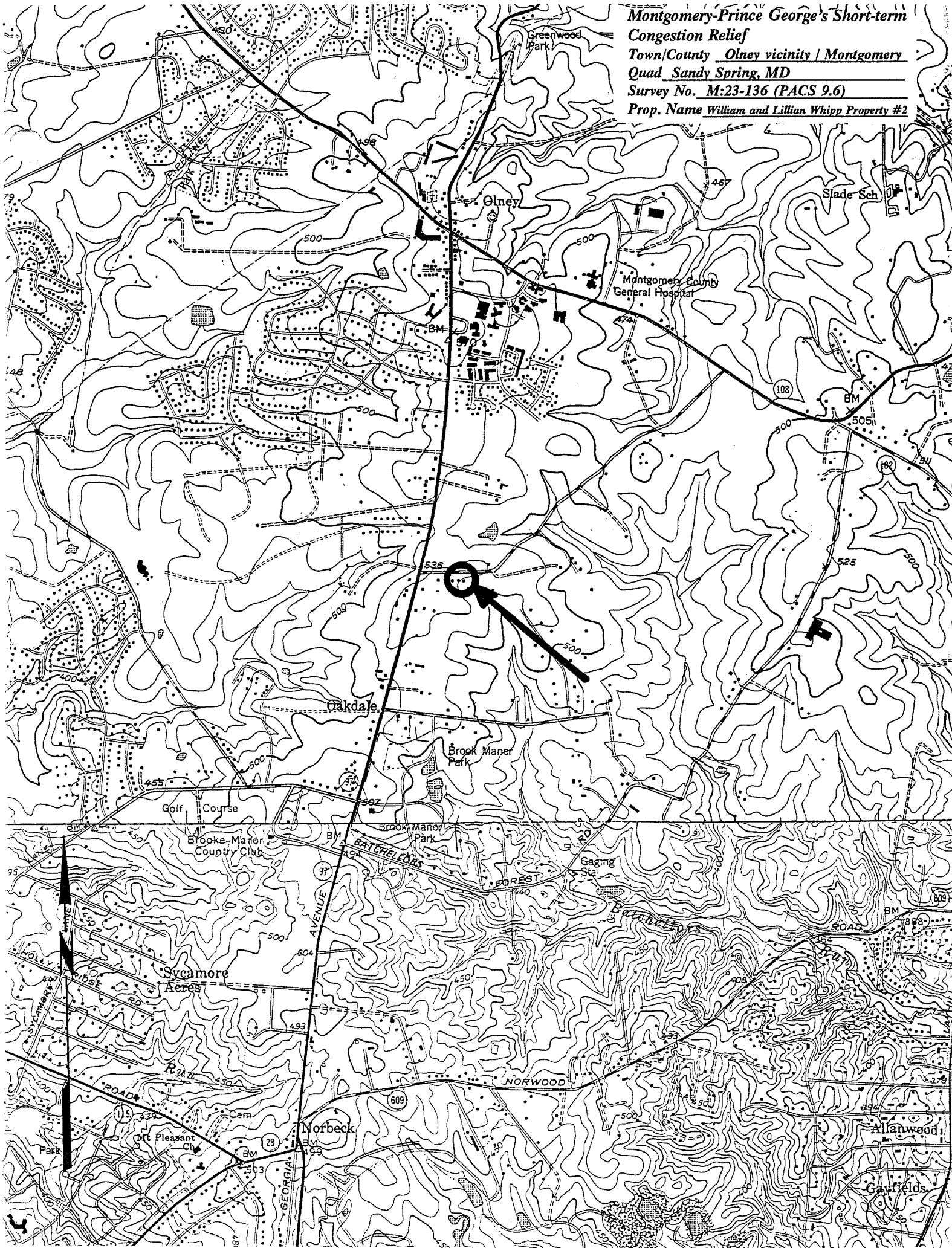
Private Residence

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

Preparer
P.A.C. Spero & Company
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- 2 William & Lillian Weiss Property 2
- 3 Montgomery County, Md
- 4 Sam Sambers, Inc
- 5 4/97
- 6 Md. 7-11
- 7 Front elevation.
- 8 1 of 12



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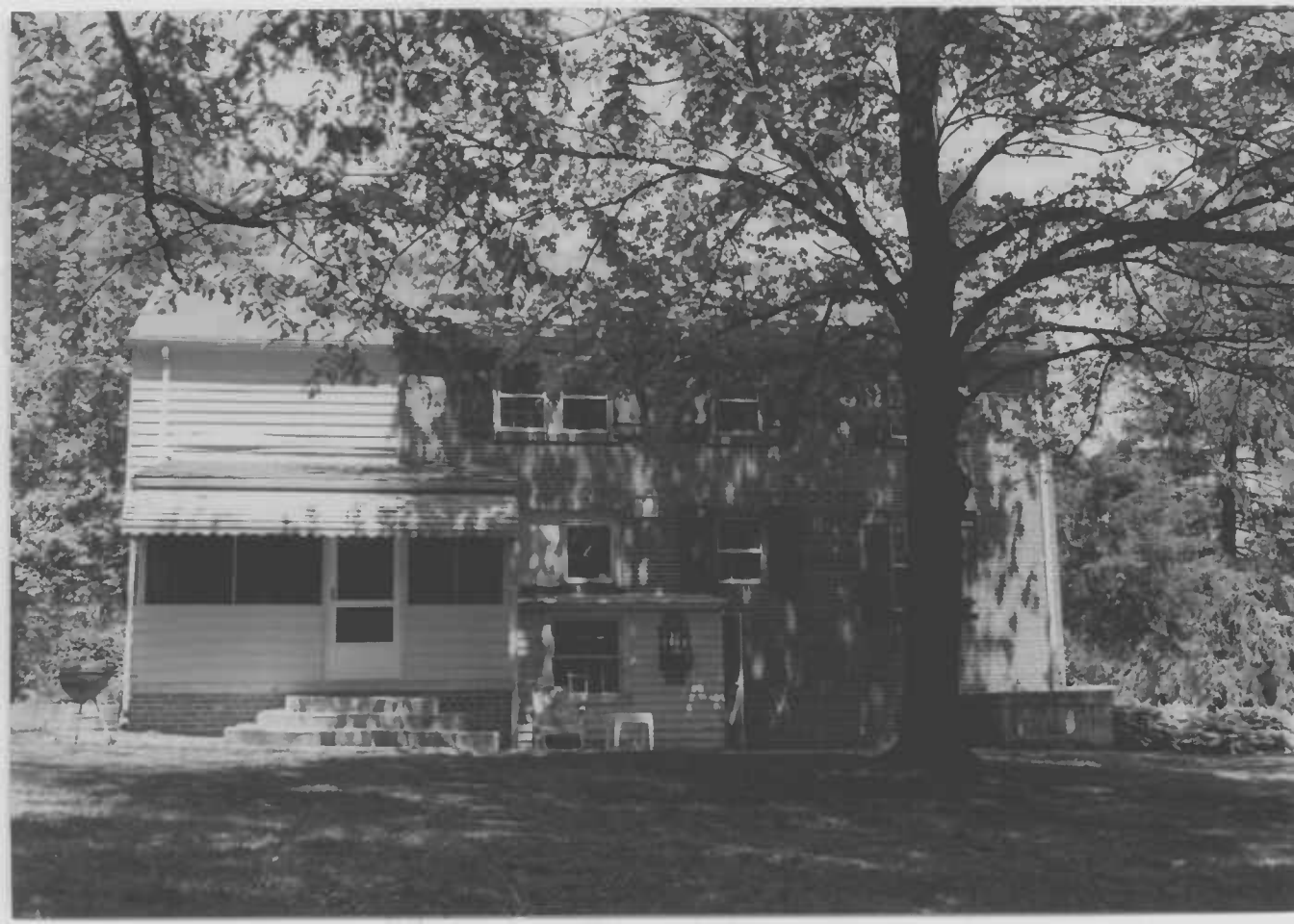
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2 William + Lillian Whipple 1892

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4 Ann Jamieson

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6 Md SPO

7 Rea elevation

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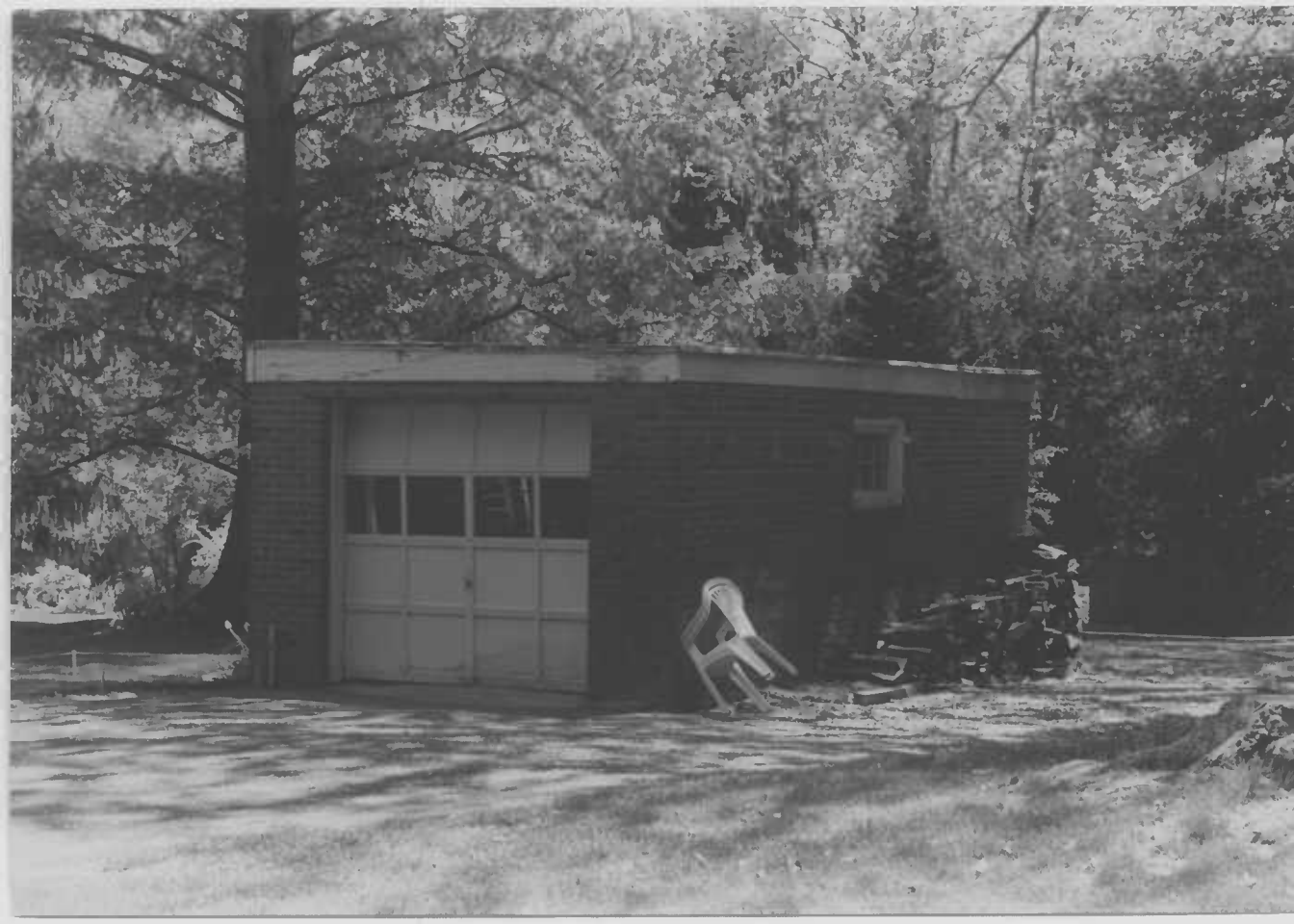
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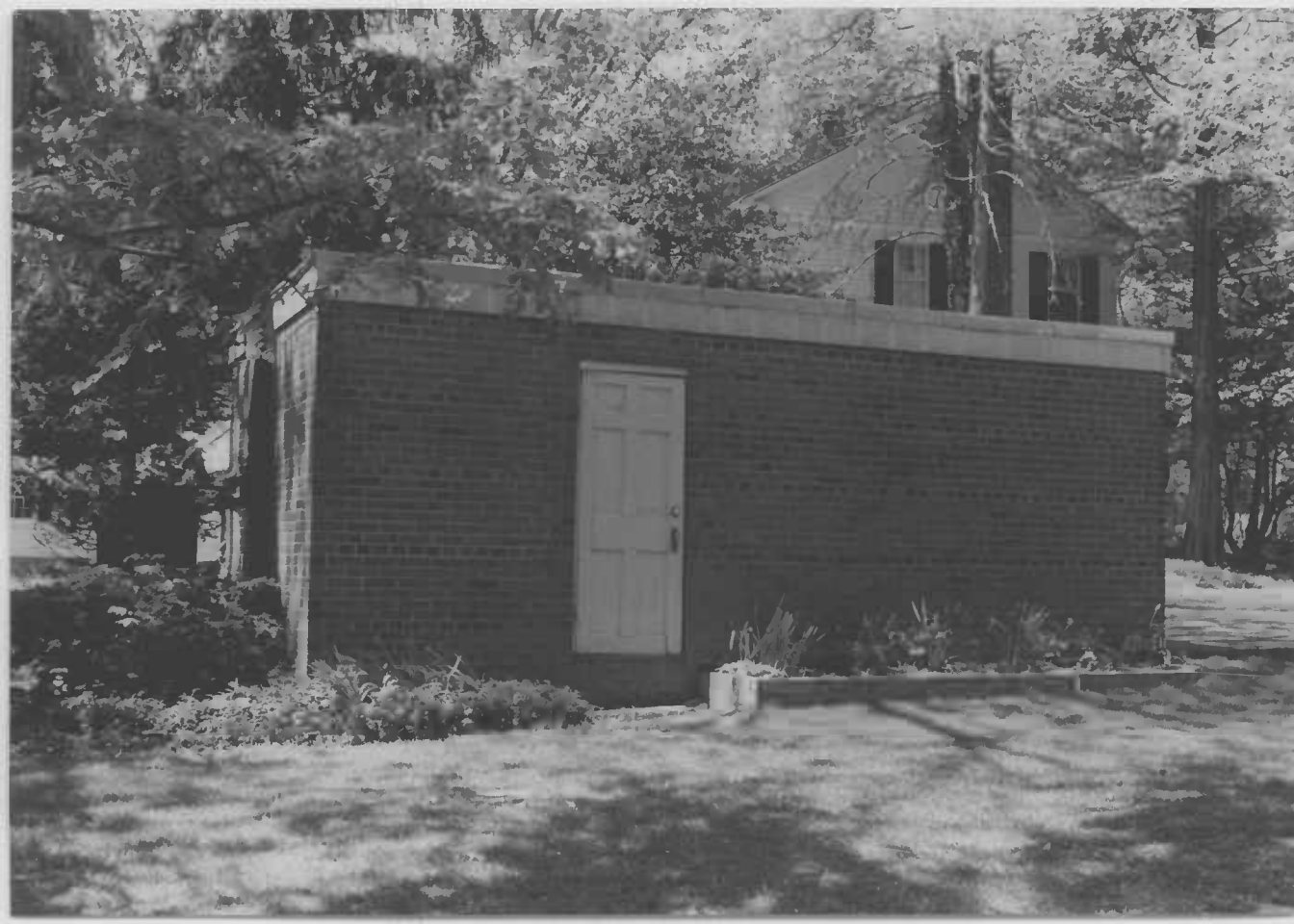
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6 Md SHVD

7 Workshop

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